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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In April 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Stan Chao** (MD00046504) with unprofessional conduct. The Florida Board of Medicine and the Idaho State Board of Medicine placed terms and conditions against Dr. Chao's licenses to practice as a physician in Florida and Idaho, respectively.

Benton County

In April 2009 the Nursing Commission granted the reactivation application of registered nurse **Chaunce E. Ruff** (RN00133919) and placed conditions on the license. Conditions were also placed against Ruff's license to practice as a physician assistant.

Chelan County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Gary Nicholson** (RC00039881) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a personal relationship with a client.

Franklin County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Julie A. Allenby** (RC60081709) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on more than one occasion, conspiracy to

manufacture methamphetamine, possession of stolen property, and escape from community custody. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Grant County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Jose M. Soto** (RC60076507) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of hit and run unattended vehicle or property, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine on more than one occasion, possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a firearm, obstructing a law enforcement officer, and possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Grays Harbor County

In April 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Lula Elsie Matthynssens** (NA60064628) and placed her registration on probation for two and one half years. She was convicted of obstructing law enforcement officers, resisting arrest, malicious mischief, and possession of drug paraphernalia on more than one occasion. She failed to disclose the convictions on her application. Matthynssens must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

King County

In April 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Michael C. Brown** (MD00028042) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

In April 2009 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Richard Calvo** (DE00009044) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of trafficking in stolen property and theft.

In March 2009 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy technician **Jeff A. Wicks** (VA60027952). He applied for a job with a fraudulent pharmacy technician license.

Kitsap County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Danielle Renee Strassle** (RC60076504) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Pend Oreille

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs charged **Lisa K. Cyphers** (RC00040713, CP00005886) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a personal relationship with a client.

Pierce County

In March 2009 the Nursing Commission denied the reactivation application of licensed practical nurse **Perri E. Fournier** (LP00048319). He was convicted of driving under the influence.

Spokane County

In April 2009 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Scott Daniel Davis** (DE00004572) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly misrepresented procedures performed on patients and charged incorrectly for professional services.

In April 2009 the Dental Commission released dentist **Frank F. Vedelago** (DE00002897) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Thurston County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Tony G. Ogemahgeshig** (RC00040089) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in sexual misconduct with a patient.

Walla Walla County

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the applications of certified nursing assistant **Daisey C. Castillo** (NA60013112, NC60015186). In December 2002 her application to practice as a nursing assistant was denied based on unprofessional conduct.

In April 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Dale T. Fetroe** (MD00018950) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include having a sexual relationship with a patient and prescribing medication to a patient without an exam and without keeping a medical record.

In April 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Janet F. Lillegard** (NC60031866) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of possession of marijuana, reckless endangerment, and failure to disclose the convictions on her application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Whatcom County

In April 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Heidi L. Cayce** (NC10076133) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries regarding a report that she had verbally abused a nursing home resident.

In April 2009 the Nursing Commission granted the application of licensed practical nurse **Karen S. Matheis** (LP00026509) and placed her license on probation. She has been working as a

licensed practical nurse without a license since November 2004. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Yakima County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Barbara J. Allen** (RC00051196) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used a patient's money to open a credit card under the patient's name for her personal use, and without the patient's permission or knowledge. She was convicted of identity theft and forgery.

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Elizabeth Ambrocio** (RC60056456) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft, and failed to disclose the conviction on her application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In April 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Betty M. Garza** (NC60064819) and placed her certification on probation for one year. She was convicted of criminal assistance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Out of State

Oregon: In April 2009 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Darrah A. Buitron** (RN00169134) from terms and conditions set against her license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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